

REMARKS

In the outstanding office action, claims 2-5, 17-21 and 28-46 were presented for examination. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 2-5, 17-21 and 28-37 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 38-42. In the outstanding office action claims 38-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 and claims 43-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,603,093 issued in the name of Edwards.

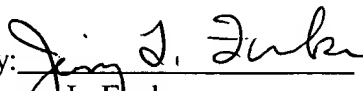
In the instant amendment claims 43-46 have been canceled thereby rendering any rejections with regard to the same as being moot.

Claims 38-42, which have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter have been amended to address the 112 rejections pointed out by the examiner in the outstanding office action. More particularly, the preamble of claim 38 has been amended to recite "A battery having a plurality of battery cells, each battery cell comprising:" in order to remove the 112 rejections. Similarly, claims 39-42 have been amended to reflect the changes made to claim 38 wherein the word "cell" has been deleted from the first line of each of the claims.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in a condition for examination. Such action is most earnestly solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, he is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

You are hereby authorized to charge any fees due for filing this Amendment to Delphi Technologies, Inc. Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

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